AMENDMENTS

In the Claims:

Kindly amend the claims as follows:

1. (currently amended) A non-toxic and non-corrosive ignition mixture <u>free of a dinol type explosive</u> wherein the mixture comprises

from 5 to 40 weight percent of a high <u>nitroester or nitramine containing</u> explosive <u>in</u> place of a dinol type explosive, selected from the group consisting of nitroesters and nitramines,

from 5 to 40 weight percent of a senzibilizer, selected from the group consisting of tetrazene and salts or derivatives of tetrazoles;

from 5 to 50% of an oxidizing agent, selected from the group consisting of oxides of copper, zinc, bismuth, iron, manganese, tin, vanadium or molybdenum; peroxides of zinc or calcium; saltpetre; basic nitrates of bismuth, tin or copper; and diammo-copper nitrate Cu(NH₃)₂(NO₃)₂;

from 1 to 20 weight percent of boron; from 5 to 30 percent of a friction agent; and optionally from 0.1 to 5 weight percent of a bonding agent.

- 2. (currently amended) The mixture according to claim 1 wherein said high explosive is selected from the group consisting of penthrite, hexanitromannite, nitrocellulose, hexogene, octogene, and tetryle.
- 3. (previously amended) The mixture according to claim 1 wherein said boron is amorphous boron with specific surface area of 5 to $25 \text{ m}^2/\text{g}$.
- 5. (currently amended) The mixture according to claim 1 wherein the bonding agent is selected from nitrocellulose, polyvinyl alcohol and acacia gum.
- 7. (previously amended) The mixture according to claim 1 wherein the friction agent is ground glass.

- 11. (previously presented) The mixture according to claim 2 wherein said high explosive is penthrite.
- 12. (currently amended) The mixture according to claim 2 wherein said bonding agent is nitrocellulose, polyvinyl alcohol, or acacia gum.
- 13. (currently amended) The mixture according to claim [[12]] 2 wherein nitrocellulose is simultaneously said explosive and said bonding agent is nitrocellulose and said mixture further comprises an organic solvent.
- 14. (previously presented) The mixture according to claim 13 wherein said organic solvent is acetone.
- 15. (previously presented) The mixture according to claim 2 wherein said boron is amorphous boron with specific surface area of 5 to $25 \text{ m}^2/\text{g}$.
- 16. (previously presented) The mixture according to claim 2 wherein said friction agent is ground glass.
- 17. (currently amended). The mixture according to claim [[5]] 1 wherein nitrocellulose is simultaneously said explosive and said bonding agent is nitrocellulose and said mixture further comprises an organic solvent.
- 18. (previously presented) The mixture according to claim 17 wherein said organic solvent is acetone.
- 19. (withdrawn) A primer cap for an ammunition cartridge filled with the mixture of claim 1.
- 20. (withdrawn) The primer cap of claim 19 wherein said ammunition cartridge is a central ignition cartridge.
 - 21. (withdrawn) An ammunition cartridge comprising the primer cap of claim 19.
 - 22. (withdrawn) An ammunition cartridge comprising the primer cap of claim 20.